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8 **BEFORE THE**  
9 **BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING**  
10 **DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**  
11 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

12 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. 2013-534

13 **LORI ANN CRONIN, A.K.A. LORI ANN**  
14 **HROZA**  
15 **5375 Meadow Wood Place**  
16 **Concord, CA 94521**

**ACCUSATION**

17 **Registered Nursing License No. 391725**  
18 **Public Health Nurse Certificate No. 39674**

19 Respondent.

20 Complainant alleges:

21 **PARTIES**

22 1. Louise R. Bailey, M.Ed., RN (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her  
23 official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Registered Nursing, Department of  
24 Consumer Affairs.

25 2. On or about August 31, 1985, the Board of Registered Nursing issued Registered  
26 Nursing License Number 391725 to Lori Ann Cronin, A.K.A. Lori Ann Hroza (Respondent).  
27 The Registered Nursing License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges  
28 brought herein and will expire on September 30, 2013, unless renewed.

3. On or about March 14, 1986, the Board of Registered Nursing issued Public Health  
Nurse Certificate Number 39674 to Respondent. The Public Health Nurse Certificate was in full

1 force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on September  
2 30, 2013, unless renewed.

### 3 JURISDICTION

4 4. This Accusation is brought before the Board of Registered Nursing (Board),  
5 Department of Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section  
6 references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.

7 5. Section 2750 of the Business and Professions Code ("Code") provides, in pertinent  
8 part, that the Board may discipline any licensee, including a licensee holding a temporary or an  
9 inactive license, for any reason provided in Article 3 (commencing with section 2750) of the  
10 Nursing Practice Act.

11 6. Section 2764 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the expiration of a license  
12 shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary proceeding against the  
13 licensee or to render a decision imposing discipline on the license.

14 7. Section 118, subdivision (b), of the Code provides that the expiration of a license  
15 shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary action during the period  
16 within which the license may be renewed, restored, reissued or reinstated.

### 17 RELEVANT STATUTES

18 8. Section 2761 of the Code states:

19 "The board may take disciplinary action against a certified or licensed nurse or deny an  
20 application for a certificate or license for any of the following:

21 "(a) Unprofessional conduct, which includes, but is not limited to, the following:

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23 "(f) Conviction of a felony or of any offense substantially related to the qualifications,  
24 functions, and duties of a registered nurse, in which event the record of the conviction shall be  
25 conclusive evidence thereof.

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1 enforcement of the case, with failure of the licentiate to comply subjecting the license to not being  
2 renewed or reinstated. If a case settles, recovery of investigation and enforcement costs may be  
3 included in a stipulated settlement.

4 FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

5 (CRIMINAL CONVICTION)

6 12. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 2761(a), 2761(f), 2762(c),  
7 and/or 490 in that on or about May 30, 2012, in a criminal proceeding entitled *The People of the*  
8 *State of California v. Lori Ann Cronin* in Contra Costa County Superior Court, Case Number  
9 156397-2, Respondent was convicted by her plea of no contest of violating Vehicle Code section  
10 23152(b) (driving with .08% or more blood alcohol). Respondent was sentenced to probation for  
11 three years, and ordered to pay fines in the amount of \$1,706.00. The circumstances are that on  
12 or about September 11, 2011, Respondent was arrested after a police officer observed her driving  
13 erratically, speeding, and going through a red light. Respondent failed field sobriety tests, and her  
14 blood alcohol was in excess of .20%

15 SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

16 (USING ALCOHOL IN A MANNER DANGEROUS TO SELF OR OTHERS)

17 13. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 2762(b), in that she used  
18 alcohol in a manner dangerous to herself or others. The circumstances are that on or about  
19 September 11, 2011, Respondent was arrested after a police officer observed her driving  
20 erratically, speeding, and going through a red light. Respondent failed field sobriety tests, and her  
21 blood alcohol was in excess of .20%, as alleged above in paragraph 12.

22 PRAYER

23 WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged,  
24 and that following the hearing, the Board of Registered Nursing issue a decision:

25 1. Revoking or suspending Registered Nursing License Number 391725, issued to Lori  
26 Ann Cronin, A.K.A. Lori Ann Hroza;

27 2. Revoking or suspending Public Health Nurse Certificate Number 39674, issued to  
28 Lori Ann Cronin, A.K.A. Lori Ann Hroza;

1           3.     Ordering Lori Ann Cronin, A.K.A. Lori Ann Hroza to pay the Board of Registered  
2     Nursing the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to  
3     Business and Professions Code section 125.3;

4           4.     Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.  
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7     DATED: December 27, 2012 *Louise R. Bailey*  
8                                   LOUISE R. BAILEY, M.ED., RN  
9                                   Executive Officer  
10                                  Board of Registered Nursing  
11                                  Department of Consumer Affairs  
12                                  State of California  
13                                  Complainant

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